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i have read the terms of the settlement concerning the company. Microsoft. i have followed the case and have followed the company for many years. it is fairly obvious that Microsoft, the company has one goal, that is to be the biggest and only software company for PC's. i think this is the definition of the word monopoly. as to their business practices, even they admit to being monopolistic at times. yes it is convenient to have a common operating system for PC's, and yes it is convenient to have a common source for software to use on these PC's. However, it is not in the best interest of the consumer or the operators of PC's to have only one option for software and for operating systems. it has been shown time and again that the pressure of competition fuels innovation and improvements in any endeavor and as to the fairness of pricing and distribution of product under a monopoly, that doesn't even need to be stated it is so obvious. so why this settlement? that is the only question, why the terms of this settlement which will allow Microsoft to essentially operate as is??????

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